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UPGRADATION WORK IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any upgradation work in telecom sector in rural areas of the country including in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year; and

(c) the details of the benefit likely to be accrued to the rural areas due to the said upgradation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The details of upgradation work of small and medium exchanges, Multi-Access Radio Relay (MARR) Village Public Telephone (VPT) in rural areas of the country including in Bihar during the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure A & B. In addition, the coverage of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and the mobile services have been increased through the upgradation work existing and new Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs), details of which are given in Annexures C & D.

(c) The upgradation of work in telecom sector in rural areas of the country will result in better telecom connectivity and services in these areas thereby leading to improved socio-economic activity.